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RAUL JUAREZ ELIZALDE 2006 Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Business

San Antonio, TX — Local business owner, Raul Juarez Elizalde, President and Founder of Millennia Cabinetry, Inc. is this year's 2006 Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for the San Antonio District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. This family owned business was nominated for this award by Senior Certified Business Advisor Miguel Reyes of the South West Texas Region — Small Business Development Center.

The company was started by Jose and his sons in 1977 as Beto's Wood Works and incorporated in 1985 under the name of Millennia Cabinetry, Inc. The company's primary business is manufacturing and installation of commercial use plastic and wood laminated cabinets, counter tops, and fixtures. The business continued to grow and in 1998, the company completed the construction and relocation of its new manufacturing facility. Additionally, the company also began offering its employees strong benefits packages that included health insurance and a retirement plan.

The company owners realized that in order to provide the company the necessary guidance for its continued growth, they would have to enhance their management skills. To do this, the 3 family owners took a 9-month course, The Entrepreneurial Growth Program, sponsored by the South West Texas Regional-Small Business Development Center, UTSA's Center for Professional Excellence, and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "Their management team's commitment to their future success is perhaps their greatest strengths" states Mike Reyes.

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